

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new paragraph after paragraph [0015]:

[0015.1] FIG. 3A shows a side view of the stone of FIG. 3 having rotated girdle facets;

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following amended paragraph:

[0029] For example, as shown in FIG. 3A, if lower girdle facet **224** (~~FIG. 2~~) is rotated clockwise about an axis extending from culet **20** to girdle **60** (~~FIG. 3~~) and where the axis lies along the common edge of lower girdle facets **220** and **224**, the adjacent edges of lower girdle facet **224** and lower girdle facet **222** are not coextensive. Accordingly, a new micro-facet **M** (~~not shown~~) is created between adjacent edges of lower girdle facets **222** and **224**, respectively. Additionally, a tapered micro-facet (not shown) is also created between lower girdle facet **224** and girdle **60**. This tapered micro-facet ~~would~~ begins at the upper left edge of lower girdle facet **224** at girdle **60** and expands along girdle **60** to a maximum width at the right edge of lower girdle facet **224** bordering lower girdle facet **222**.